

**MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY  
GOVERNOR'S MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
ARIZONA MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2005, 10 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.  
TUCSON STATE BUILDING – ROOM 158**

**OPENING REMARKS**

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins opened the meeting and welcomed the commission members and guests to the third Governor's Military Affairs Commission. She explained that both Commission meetings will be called to order simultaneously, in order to avoid confusion. The Governor's Military Affairs Commission will adjourn for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and the Arizona Military Affairs Commission will reconvene at 1p.m. She elaborated that during roll call the Commissioners will be answering for both the Governor's Military Affairs Commission and the Arizona Military Affairs Commission. Lisa Atkins proceeded to thank Robert Walkup, Mayor of the City of Tucson, Pima County, and Colonel Spencer and his staff at Davis-Monthan and for hosting the tour. She also thanked Jan Lescher, Director of the Governor's Southern Office, for hosting the meeting and making the facilities possible.

**ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS**

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins introduced Tom Finnegan, President of Ft. Huachuca 50, as the new Co-Chair and welcomed the newest commission member, Dr. William Carrell. She then turned the chair over to Co-Chair Tom Finnegan for comments.

Co-Chair Tom Finnegan introduced himself and then indicated that he agreed to be the Co-Chair for the Governor's Military Affairs Commission and the Arizona Military Affairs Commission because he felt there was a lot of work to do and he has enjoyed working with the fellow Commission members.

Dr. Carrell introduced himself and provided a brief history. He has been practicing medicine for the last 37 years in Tucson and has always been heavily involved in the community.

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins explained that the contact list in the Military Affairs Commission packet is now current. She explained that there were blue request-to-speak cards on the table, next to the sign in sheet. The cards would be read during the public comment period. She requested that participants sign-in with an email address, so the Commission may update them on activities. She stated that both of the Commissions will be following the agendas and that lunch will be taken at 11:30. She requested that everyone, except Commission members, leave the room during this time and that the Commission will be having lunch in the same room (Room 158). If everything goes as planned, the Commission meeting is expected to adjourn at 3pm.

Pat Chorpenning, Governor's Policy Advisor on Military Affairs, held roll call. The Commission members that were present included: Nancy Stump, retired; Priscilla Storm of Diamond Ventures in Tucson; Monsignor Richard O'Keefe; Robert Walkup, Mayor of the City of Tucson; James Cavanaugh, Mayor of the City of Goodyear; Dr. William Carrell of Tucson;

Tom Hessler, Mayor of the City of Sierra Vista; Robert Johnston, Lieutenant General, USMC, Ret.; Lisa Atkins, Co-Chair and Tom Finnegan, Co-Chair.

Lenore Stuart, County Supervisor of Yuma County; Sandie Smith, County Supervisor of Pinal County; Brigadier General Tom Browning, USAF, Ret. (General Browning arrived at 11 am); Michael Francis, President of the West Valley Community Action Coalition were absent.

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins informed the Commission that Patty Boland would be there shortly to update the members as to the efforts and support of the community of the Ex-Officio Members. Co-Chair Lisa Atkins also recognized Deb Sydenham, of the Arizona Department of Commerce and Bill Ruddick, from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). She then recognized the representatives from the various military installations and invited them to introduce themselves. They were:

- Thomas Manfredi, Marine Corp Air Station, Yuma
- Chuck Wullenjohn, Yuma Proving Grounds
- Debra Spears, Arizona National Guard

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins then gave the Commissioners and Ex-Officio members an opportunity to provide community updates. She called upon Bill Ruddick of BLM to begin. Mr. Ruddick stated that the neighborhoods are beginning to feel the effects of the military installation encroachment issues.

Mayor Hessler said that they were chasing rumors at Ft. Huachuca about the next BRAC list. He felt Ft. Huachuca would not be included in the next BRAC list. He is planning to attend the next National Association of Installation Developers/Association of Defense Communities Meeting (1/30-2/1) and will provide information obtained there at the next Commission meeting.

Co-Chair Tom Finnegan then stated that they, too, were chasing down rumors about the next BRAC list. He said that they were conducting a study as to how UAVs (Un-manned Aerial Vehicles) are going to affect the Army and its training.

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins called attention to the report in the Commissioners' packets concerning the Governor's trip to Washington D.C. to meet with Phil Grone, the Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense For Installation and Environment. She stated that Arizona was definitely under consideration for the next BRAC list. Ms. Atkins and Co-Chair Tom Finnegan were grateful for being able to attend this meeting along with Pat Chorpenning, the Governor's Policy Advisor on Military Affairs.

There was a comment that there is satisfaction over the Commissions progress and with the support from the Tucson community of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

Monsignor O'Keefe commended the two commanders for their hard work and suggested that, in reference to the JLUS, they stick to the original Yuma plan. He was very appreciative of support from the Governor and the Commission and reiterated that he continues to support the preservation of Arizona's military installations.

Commissioner Pat Chorpenning introduced his supporting staff: Doris Earley, his Executive Assistant at the Arizona Department of Veterans Services (ADVS) and Lance Sheldon with the IT office of ADVS. He stated that Lance will be video taping the meeting for permanent record.

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins stated that there was going to be a report from Mr. Chorpenning later in the agenda. She then called on Colonel Mike Spencer for his briefing about Davis-Monthan AFB.

### **MISSION BRIEFING ABOUT DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB**

Colonel Mike Spencer thanked the Commission for allowing him to brief them about Davis-Monthan. See the attached briefing for further details. With the conclusion of the presentation, Colonel Spencer stood up to answer any questions.

Mayor Hessler asked Colonel Spencer if Libby Airfield is also used as a diversion airfield. Colonel Spencer responded that most of the flights go to Libby, but a pilots first flight is done directly out of Davis-Monthan. After the pilots get their initial training, they are directed to Libby Airfield to decrease the amount of noise over the community.

Mayor Walkup then asked Colonel Spencer what percentage of training is actually done at Libby Airfield and requested a background paper, documenting this information. Colonel Spencer responded that 15-20% of the training is actually done at Libby Airfield and he would supply the information to Mayor Walkup. Co-Chair Lisa Atkins thanked him for the excellent presentation.

### **REPORT FROM THE DAVIS-MONTHAN 50**

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins recognized Bruce Dunsberry, who was there on behalf of the Davis-Monthan 50 (DM 50). He provided a brief history of the Davis-Monthan 50. They began in 1987, before the first BRAC, as a group of civic and business leaders. Their ultimate purpose was to support the military within their communities. They are now up to approximately 70 members. Although they are now heavily involved with the BRAC in Arizona, their fundamental function is to enhance the relationship between the surrounding community and the people at Davis-Monthan AFB. Their annual picnic is their number one fund-raising activity, which can bring in up to 10,000 people and consists of food, games and prizes. They also host parties for visiting, arriving and departing commanders at the Davis-Monthan AFB.

Mr. Dunsberry announced that Dorothy Finely, one of their charter members, received the "Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Humanitarian Award" at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. He then maintained that the vast majority and surrounding neighbors of Davis-Monthan are very supportive of the DM 50's efforts, despite their fears of the JLUS ordinance.

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins asked Mr. Dunsberry if it was true that the Udall Center was going to play a role in the DM 50's involvement. Mr. Dunsberry responded that the Udall Center, specifically Kirk Emerson, will most likely play a mediation role, but their evaluation period may take too long to be pertinent. Co-Chair Lisa Atkins thanked him for his presentation.

## **UPDATE ON AZ MILITARY REGIONAL COMPATIBILITY PROJECTS (JLUS)**

Deb Sydenham of the Arizona Department of Commerce updated the Commission as to the progress of the Joint Land Use Studies (JLUS). She provided a brief history of the JLUS, which began in 2001 as a state-driven initiative.

The most recently completed JLUS was at Davis-Monthan. She has been working with Jan Lescher and Pat Chorpenning, from the Governor's office, to provide information as needed. They are currently engaged in the JLUS with the Barry Goldwater Range. Ms. Sydenham assured Monsignor O'Keefe that the JLUS for Marine Corp Air Station in Yuma and Yuma County have gone untouched. The Barry M. Goldwater Range JLUS has been out since December for public review and there will be a conference call on Thursday, January 20, 2005 from 1:30 to 4:30 to discuss the draft.

Ms. Sydenham stated that the next step will be a revalidation of the JLUS and make sure it is up to date according to the state of Arizona and concurrent with the grant provided by the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment (DoD OEA). They hope to have this step completed before Colonel Cooney leaves MCAS Yuma, since he has been instrumental in this effort.

They also hope to obtain a grant from the DoD Office of Economic Adjustment to work with Silverbell Heliport and the Florence Military Reservation. They are pulling information together and have contacted Priscilla Storm of Diamond Ventures for land and Colonel Spear of the AZ National Guard for assistance. They anticipate having this completed by September 2005, at the latest. After this BRAC round, they intend to pursue another grant to start a JLUS with Ft. Huachuca.

General Browning asked Ms. Sydenham if she was aware of any comparable JLUS best practices models in other states, that can help the Silverbell Heliport JLUS run more smoothly. Ms. Sydenham said that they will investigate that option before starting the JLUS at Silverbell, in order to avoid duplication of processes.

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins explained that they are excited about the progression of the JLUS at Silverbell because it is the best first step in assigning statutory protection, without inviting many unanticipated problems. She stated that she was very appreciative of Ms. Sydenham's crucial role in this process.

General Browning asked Ms. Sydenham when there will be a tangible product available from the JLUS. She responded that they are targeting September 2005, to allow for a contemplation period before the Legislative Session begins in January 2006.

Commissioner Priscilla Storm asked if there were any extensions of the JLUS, dealing with military training routes beyond the limits of the range, in reference to the Barry M. Goldwater Range. Ms. Sydenham responded that Representative Burns and Representative Nelson requested the JLUS not deal with Military Training Routes (MTRs) in order to give House Bill 2662 time to take effect. She said that there has been discussion regarding the investigation of

MTRs in the future, but until she receives further instruction, they will not be addressing that issue.

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins added that if anyone would like to be assigned to the Public Policy Workgroup, there will be an opportunity soon.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins updated the Commission about the Legislature. Since the Arizona State Legislature and the U.S. Legislature have been in session for only a week, Ms. Atkins felt it was too soon to talk about any legislative issues.

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins relayed to the Commission that once they get a chance to address the issue of redirecting the interest from the Military Installation Fund (MIF) back into the MIF and not into the state General Fund, they are going to take it.

Ms. Atkins spoke, in regards to legislation pertaining to potential federal land exchanges, about the possibility of it being introduced as soon as this month. She will update the Commission as soon as more information becomes available.

Dr. Carrell asked if the bill was referring to state or federal legislations. Ms. Atkins answered that it was federal, pertaining specifically to the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management and private land owners. She believes that there may be interest at other military installations, besides Luke Air Force Base, as well. She feels this may help in preserving the military installations, due to legislative opposition.

Commissioner Nancy Stump asked what the ultimate gain is for military installations, since it is federal law and will not affect state law. Ms. Atkins responded that there is an opportunity to look at large federal pieces of property, rather than individual pieces of property.

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins asked Bill Ruddick of BLM if he had anything to add. He stated that the State Director of BLM recently met with Senator McCain's office to express concerns about this piece of legislation moving forward. He believes that there are two facilitators who have come in to allow a large land exchange to take place. He has not heard anything about language between the state and BLM at the present time.

Co-Chair Tom Finnegan highlighted the fact that many residents in District 25 don't realize that they have actually moved within the limits of a military installation and MTRs. His conversation with Representative Burns indicated that she was interested in providing some kind of notification to residents informing them that they are living within MTRs.

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins offered to provide the lists of the Arizona House of Representatives and Senators, who are members of the appropriate committees. Due to statutory requirement, she noted that the Commission is mandated to regularly report to the Governor and the Counties, Municipalities and Military Affairs Committee on a regular basis. She expressed a need to establish when, where and what they are going to update these parties with.

## **UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES/STUDY GROUPS**

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins presented the idea of developing any study groups or sub-committees.

Co-Chair Tom Finnegan replied that it is important to develop a study group to establish how Arizona compares to other states, concerning their support of the military. He believes that this information will help Arizona to better serve their military and help to close the gaps of service and support. A Commissioner lent support to the idea of developing a study group and believes that it would be a very valuable undertaking.

General Browning felt this idea was definitely worthwhile, but that the undertaking of an inventory might be redundant because the information is already out there. He also highlighted the notion that the ultimate purpose of the Commission is to make recommendations to the Governor and an inventory of the support of the military should be done in the communities and local support organizations. Commissioner Priscilla Storm suggested doing a best practices model, which utilizes a check-list method of what is done nation-wide versus what is done in Arizona. General Browning reiterated that most of this data is already available; it's just a matter of compiling it.

Mr. Bill Ruddick of the Bureau of Land Management approached the Commission with a website which is [www.denix.osd.mil](http://www.denix.osd.mil). This website rates each state individually by five categories. Within each category, it is determined whether the state has passed state legislation, pertaining to the military. Amy Duffy supplies a lot of information to this website.

Co-Chair Tom Finnegan volunteered to collect the information and compose a best practices model to see how Arizona rates in its support of it's military.

Commissioner Robert Walkup suggested they tap into the communities that do not already support the military and make them aware of the situations that affect their military installations and the men and women of the armed services.

Commission Robert Walkup agreed that they need to address state-wide policies that affect the military and their families. He wanted to deal with all issues, outside of BRAC, concerning a report card for the state, rating its participation and support of its military.

Commissioner Richard O'Keefe wanted to focus on the education of people in order to instill patriotism. He stated that the education of the masses ensures a better quality of life.

In order to be proactive, Commissioner Priscilla Storm suggested more open communication channels between the Commission and the land owners around the military installations.

## **GOVERNOR'S REMARKS**

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins welcomed Governor Napolitano and thanked her for attending the first Military Affairs Commission meeting of the year.

Governor Janet Napolitano thanked the Commission for the opportunity to speak and the City of Tucson for hosting the meeting.

She began her remarks with praise for the work done in the legislature, concerning HB 2140 and HB 2141. These two crucial pieces of legislation are instrumental in the Military Affairs Commission's mission to protect Arizona's military installations from BRAC. She highlighted the fact that her proposed budget has allotted another 5.6 million dollars for the Military Installation Fund.

- HB 2140: MILITARY AIRPORT PLANNING; APPROPRIATION - Diverts the greater of \$3.5 million or five percent of the state income tax of military personnel from the state General Fund to the Military Installation Fund for 20 years for military installation preservation projects and establishes land use planning and zoning requirements for specific military auxiliary fields.
- HB 2141: MILITARY AIRPORT; RESTRICTED ZONES – Includes Luke AFB Auxiliary Airfield #1 in its designations and maps of APZ's, zones, high noise, accident potential zones, etc.

She went on to talk about her trip to Washington D.C. with Pat Chorpenning, Lisa Atkins, Tom Finnegan and others. While in Washington D.C., they attended a meeting with Phillip Grone, the Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense For Installation and Environment. They talked about the unique advantageous political and environmental climate in Arizona for military installations, which allows for unprecedented cross-training. This cross-training and the similar climate are conducive to the training needed for the fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. She was proud that Arizona is leading the nation in the state-wide effort to address the BRAC issues. She stated that March is the next major activity for BRAC, and she feels very positive.

General Tom Browning asked the Governor if BRAC was a serious topic of discussion amongst the Western Governor's Association. She responded that no, it was not. She felt that, once recommendations surface from the Military Affairs Commissions, the other Governor's will start to take notice. She informed them that they spend 90% of their time talking about Medicaid, MediCare and public education. Not much time is spent talking about BRAC, and it is not on the agenda for the next meeting, either.

Commissioner Tom Browning asked about the gubernatorial nominations to the Commission and asked Governor Napolitano if she was considering nominating anyone. She responded that no, she was not, because she feels they pretty much already know who will be on the Commission. She was open to suggestions for nominations, though.

Commissioner Tom Browning agreed with Governor Napolitano that the nominations are probably futile and will not guarantee that the military installations from that state do not end up on the BRAC list.

Governor Napolitano explained that her approach is a very professional one. She feels Arizona will be successful in their base preservation efforts if they present data as to why the military installations need to be in Arizona to benefit all parties.

Commissioner Pat Chorpenning asked the Governor if her proposed budget included the allocation of the interest from the 5.6 million dollars back into the Military Installation Fund, rather than into the State General Fund. She responded that she would go back and review the budget to accommodate the interest of the 5.6 million dollars.

Governor Napolitano encouraged the Commission and the guests in the room to continue to talk to the state legislators, whose districts house the military installations. She wanted everyone to advocate for HB 2140 and HB 2141.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins closed the Governor's Military Affairs Commission meeting for lunch and explained that they will reconvene for the Arizona Military Affairs Commission meeting at 12:30.

## **ARIZONA MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION CALLED TO ORDER**

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins reconvened the meeting at 12:30 pm. She stated that Mayor Walkup and Monsignor O'Keefe had to leave the meeting, due to prior engagements. She reviewed the upcoming agenda and stated that, due to some issues the Rules and Regulations, they will not be discussing them in detail during this Commission meeting.

## **BRAC UPDATE**

General Tom Browning updated the Commission as to the progress of BRAC. He reiterated that the timeline for BRAC has not changed. Co-Chair Lisa Atkins stated that there was a press release last week that gave the names of the nominations for the BRAC Commission from Speaker Dennis Hastert and Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. They have submitted two names each.

General Browning stated that there is a 10-15% reversal rate of military installations from the BRAC list. He said that the odds are once you are on the list, it is highly unlikely you can be removed from the list. Co-Chair Tom Finnegan added that it is also more difficult because the process now requires a super-majority to add or subtract a military installation from the list.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins asked Deb Sydenham to present and update on the Rules and Regulations of the monies that have been appropriated by the Legislature and the Governor to address the preservation of the military installations. She also thanked all of the people, who contributed to the drafting of the Rules and Regulations.



Deb Sydenham of the Arizona Department of Commerce spoke to the Commission about the Rules and Regulations. The Rules and Regulations needed to be redrafted and resubmitted. The estimated submittal date is February 18, 2005, which would push the approval date back to July 12, 2005. A stake-holders meeting was recently held and, due to the delay of the submittal of the Rules and Regulations, they must hold another meeting. This meeting will be held once they are finished with the Rules and Regulations revision, approximately after March 14, 2005.

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins stated that they wanted to get the applications for funds out as soon as possible, but she also wanted to make sure that everything was done correctly. She stated that the Rules and Regulations sub-committee will meet again on January 26, February 2 and February 9 of 2005.

Deb Sydenham mentioned that the stakeholders' comments were being reviewed and addressed, as a part of the Rules and Regulations. This record is then submitted to GRRC. She also stated that, despite issues with statutory authority, the land ownership issues have been resolved.

Commissioner Priscilla Storm cleared up the question of her service on the Military Affairs Commission, concerning a conflict of interest with her employment with Diamond Ventures. She provided the documentation of legal opinion, which stated that she is not precluded from service on the Military Affairs Commission, as long as the business being discussed will not directly affect her pecuniary or proprietary business.

Commissioner Nancy Stump wanted to commend the Rules and Regulations sub-committee for all their hard work and congratulations for their efforts.

## **PAT CHORPENNING'S VISITS TO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS**

Pat Chorpenning spoke about his new appointment as the Governor's Policy Advisor of Military Affairs and stated that he received the necessary documents and information from Dion Flynn on December 15, 2005. He is reorganizing and rereading all the information from the previous Commission meetings to prepare for the transition.

Mr. Chorpenning updated the Commission on his extensive briefing at Yuma Proving Ground, which included a flight over Silverbell Heliport in Casa Grande. He also met with General Schmidt for a quick briefing at Davis-Monthan. He will come back down to Davis-Monthan for a more extensive briefing. He plans on visiting Colonel Cooney at Marine Corp Air Station in Yuma in early February. His knowledge of Ft. Huachuca is relatively extensive, but he plans on visiting the installation for an update soon.

His update on the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services included the announcement that the Governor has allowed him to create two Assistant Deputy Director positions, to free up more time for him. He added that he is enjoying all of the work with the military affairs issues and looks forward to more.

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins thanked him and his staff for all the hard work, throughout the busy schedule at the Legislature, the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services and the various military installations.

## **CURRENT AND FUTURE ACTION ITEMS**

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins asked if there were any current or future action items that need to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Commissioner Tom Browning commented on the GRRC process, with the given time line, he feels that they need to have the Rules in place soon. He commented that, if there is a formal channel for the Commission to make recommendations to the Governor, they should utilize it. He also recommended that the Military Affairs Commission should meet with the Governor and the Legislature on a regular basis. Or minimally, he would like to see the Commission on the Counties, Municipalities and Military Affairs Committee agendas.

Patricia Boland, of the AZ Attorney General's Office, clarified that there are statutory requirements for the Military Affairs Commission to report to the Governor and the Arizona Legislature on a regular basis.

Commissioner Tom Browning recommended that they come up with specific suggestions for the Governor and the Legislature on a regular basis and make their presence known to these entities more regularly.

Commissioner Priscilla Storm recommended that the agendas and minutes from each Military Affairs Commission meeting be sent to the members of the Arizona Legislature.

Commissioner Nancy Stump added that the Governor's Policy Advisors should also be invited to all the Military Affairs Commission meetings.

Deb Sydenham recommended that the Commission create some pro-active agenda items for the Legislature at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Tom Finnegan suggested that the Governor's report should be updated annually. He added that representatives from each installation should contribute updated information to insure the document is current.

Commissioner Priscilla Storm asked which of the jurisdictions had the Transfer of Development Rights Ordinances (TDRs) on their books. She stated that these ordinances would give the cities and towns more leverage if one of their installations end up on the BRAC list.

## **FUTURE MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS**

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins announced that the next meeting will be held on April 12, 2005 in the Phoenix Area, but the specific location is to be announced.

## **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

At this time, Co-Chair Lisa Atkins made a call to the public and there were no responses.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Since there was no further business, both the Governor's Military Affairs Commission and the Arizona Military Affairs Commission meetings were adjourned at 1:30pm.

Special Note: Electronic copies of the presentations or any materials noted above are available on request. Please contact Pat Chorpenning at 602.255.3373 or send an email to [director@azvets.com](mailto:director@azvets.com) or [dearley@azvets.com](mailto:dearley@azvets.com).

**For additional information about the Governor's Military Affairs Commission or the Arizona Military Affairs Commission, go to the web page at <http://www.governor.state.az.us/mft/index.html>.**

## **MISSION BRIEFING ABOUT DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB**

Colonel Mike Spencer thanked the Commission for allowing him to brief them about Davis-Monthan. He explained that the Aircraft Maintenance Regeneration Center at Davis-Monthan is a 33 billion dollar national asset. The 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force Commander is the Air Component Commander for the South Com Area of Responsibility, which includes Mexico and South America. They are currently building a 40-million dollar combined air operation center, which will be one of five in the world. He expressed that he felt the briefing would be presented better by some of the people, who work at Davis-Monthan AFB. Colonel Spencer then introduced Major Laurel Tingley, Public Affairs Officer and Staff Sergeant Dole, Communication Expert. Colonel Spencer presented Lieutenant Dawn Ptolemy and Senior Airman Kat Cassini to conduct an 18-minute presentation about the missions at Davis-Monthan AFB.

The presenters began by thanking the Commission, on behalf of the 355<sup>th</sup> Wing Commander, Colonel Mike Spencer. They went on to talk about the events of September 11, 2001 and how they impacted the United States forever. They proceeded by highlighting the many substantial missions at Davis-Monthan AFB:

- 355<sup>th</sup> Wing Missions: A/OA-10 Operations
- A-10 Close Air Support
- OA-10 Forward Air Controllers
- Air Liaisons Officers
- Combat Support Forces

## **DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE ASSOCIATE UNITS**

### **HQ 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force:**

- Train and equip 3 FRU's, 7 AD Wings, and all ARC units west of the Mississippi – 43,891 Personnel and 705 Aircraft
- Maintain deployable Air Operations Center and provide combat ready forces.
- Theater contingency and exercise planning; operational control of USSOUTHCOM gained air forces
- USAF support to Combatant Commander

### **563d Rescue Group (AFSOC):**

- Responsible for training, readiness and maintenance of HC-130s, HH-60s and pararescue personnel in support of Combat Search and Rescue operations

### **305<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron (AFRC):**

- Employs HH-60G "Pave Hawk" helicopters in day/night Combat Search and Rescue operations. 244 Citizen Airmen

### **55<sup>th</sup> Electronic Combat Group COMPASS CALL:**

- Provide war fighting commanders with combat-ready EC-130H compass call aircraft and aircraft crew trained to execute an Information Warfare (IW) strategy
- Conduct operations designed to degrade the transfer of information essential to command and control of enemy weapons systems and other resources

Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration center (AMARC) (AFMC):

- To provide aerospace maintenance and asset regeneration to our customers for the sustainment of the warfighter
- Single manager for aircraft storage, disposal and reclamations operations

1620d Fighter Wing (AZ ANG) Snow Ops:

- Hosts northern-based fighter units for winter flying
- 16 squadrons between October and May each year
- Each unit brings 12 aircraft, 24 pilots, and 100+ support personnel
- Western Air Defense Sector

U.S. Customs Service and Border Control:

- 14 aircraft, including Blackhawk Helicopters and Cessna Citations with anti-smuggling equipment
- Credited with seizing over 300 contraband-laden aircraft and tons of illegal drugs

The men and women at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base have four major objectives:

- 1.) Develop and Nurture Airmen
- 2.) Prepare to Deploy when Called
- 3.) Fight when Ordered
- 4.) Installation Stewardship

DEVELOP & NURTURE AIRMEN:

- 1.) \$9.7 million dormitory, which features 4 room modules, a common living area and decreases the amount of time spent in isolation
- 2.) \$18.2 million Housing Milcon which has 2 GOQs, 10 SOQs, 3 Field Grade and 78 Enlisted Quarters
- 3.) \$6.2 million Child Development Center which include 25 rooms and 7 playgrounds
- 4.) \$3.5 million Aquatics Center which includes 3000 sq. meters with slides and lanes

PREPARE TO DEPLOY

- 1) 4 mobility processing exercises
- 2) 4 combat employment exercises
- 3) 5 Major Accident Response Exercises, including WMD, HAZMAT, natural disaster, crash
- 4) Trained 220+ A/OA-10 fighter pilots
- 5) Trained over 4,000 troops in nuclear, biological,

chemical defense

## FIGHT WHEN CALLED

- 1) Deployed 20 aircraft to Kirkuk and Bagram AB
- 2) Flew 900+ hours during first 30 days
- 3) Flew over 3,400 combat sorties supporting OIF/OEF
- 4) 500-1000 personnel from DM deployed at any time
- 5) 563 RQG has 55 saves and 16 assists to date
- 6) 55 ECG instrumental in Pfc Jessica Lynch's rescue
- 7) EOD troops destroyed over 400 IEDs during last
- 8) deployment
- 9) First to deploy...
- 10) Convoy drivers to augment US Army
- 11) Combat Engineers to augment US Army

## INSTALLATION STEWARDSHIP

- 1) Base Footprint: 10,600 acres
- 2) Craycroft Gate Remodel
  - a. Inspection Station
  - b. New Visitors' Center
  - c. Overhead Canopy
- 3) First AF 5-Star physical fitness facility program
- 4) Recycled 216 tons of Green Waste/saved \$160K
- 5) ACC's "benchmark" environmental program

## ENHANCING CIVIC PARTNERSHIP

110,000 Volunteer Hours/Year

- Big Brothers/Big Sisters (19 Volunteers)
- Mobile Meals (DM covers 7 of the 27 routes)
- Santa Catalina Ranger District (Reforested 18-10 acres)
- Trees for Mt Lemmon (Cleaned cabin sites/Summerhaven)
- San Xavier Mission School (Santas in Blue Annual Event)
- St Augustine Catholic School (400 hrs/ran 36k ft of cable)
- Community Food Bank (250+ Volunteers, 1000+ hours)
- Combined Federal Campaign (Raised over \$356,000)
- Habitat for Humanity (200+ volunteers for Freedom Day '04)